



## DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM

MFG. 9/69

CABLE SECRETARIAT DISSEM BY

PER #

TOTAL COPIES:

REPRO BY

FILE RF.

SECRET

PAGE 02 ADDIS 01208 290808Z  
 BE LESS THAN ACCURATE. TOLD HIM, HOWEVER, WE WOULD  
 PROVIDE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO  
 DEPARTMENT, WHERE DETERMINATION RE RELEASE TO COMMITTEE  
 WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE. (HE SAID COMMITTEE WOULD BE  
 DISINCLINED ACCEPT ARGUMENT OF LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AND  
 WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATION OF MAP PROGRAM  
 WOULD REQUIRE OUR HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF TYPE REQUESTED.)

4. COMMENT: PINCUS SEEKING BY SECOND QUESTION ESTABLISH FACTUAL  
 PICTURE OF SIZE AND SERIOUSNESS ELF PROBLEM,  
 MAGNITUDE AND INTENSITY IEG COUNTER-INSURGENCY  
 EFFORT, AND EXTENT OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT EVEN INDIRECTLY  
 THROUGH IEG DEPENDENCE ON MAP-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT. HE  
 NOTED TO DCM T-28 QUESTION ONLY ILLUSTRATIVE OF TYPE  
 OF QUESTION THAT MIGHT BE POSED BY COMMITTEE IN EFFORT  
 DRAW OUT QTE FACTUAL UNQTE PICTURE ERITREAN SITUATION  
 ON WHICH SENATORS COULD BASE JUDGMENTS REGARDING DEGREE  
 OF PRESENT, OR DANGER OF FUTURE U.S. INVOLVEMENT  
 ETHIOPIAN SECURITY PROBLEMS. PERSISTENCE ON HERTER  
 UNDERTAKING OF COURSE CLOSELY RELATED THIS GENERAL LINE  
 OF INTEREST.

5. WHILE WE WILL IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE FACTUAL  
 INFORMATION RE T-28'S AVAILABLE TO US AND PROVIDE TO  
 DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE INCLINED DOUBT EITHER  
 THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE U.S. SOURCES WILL BE COMPLETE  
 AND ACCURATE OR THAT KIND OF INFO RE OPERATIONS T-28'S  
 WOULD ACHIEVE BALANCED PICTURE PINCUS SAYS HE SEEKS  
 ILLUMINATE FOR SENATORS. ACCURE INFORMATION RE IEG  
 COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATIONS ERITREA ALMOST CERTAINLY  
 MUST INVOLVE MANY OTHER FACETS OF SITUATION TO BE  
 USEFUL. SUCH INFORMATION ALSO CAN PROBABLY BE PROVIDED  
 ONLY BYIEG. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE WE COULD OBTAIN THIS  
 INFORMATION REGULARLY ONLY THROUGH A DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT  
 IEG COUNTER-INSURGENCY ACTIVITIES WE WOULD CONSIDER  
 UNWISE AND LIKELY INVOLVE US DIRECTLY IEG ACTIONS.  
 RECOGNIZE COMMITTEE UNLIKELY ACCEPT THIS EXPLANATION.

6. SINCE MUST ASSUME ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED COMMITTEE  
 WILL ULTIMATELY ENTER PUBLIC DOMAIN IN SOME FORM AND  
 BECOME KNOWN TO IEG, IF DEPARTMENT DETERMINES TO PROVIDE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM

MFG. 9/69

CABLE SECRETARIAT DISSEM BY

PER #

TOTAL COPIES:

REPRO BY

FILE RF.

SECRET

PAGE 03 ADDIS 01208 290808Z  
INFORMATION RESPONSE PINCUS QUERY ON ERITREAN SITUATION  
SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INITIAL RESPONSE TO  
COMMITTEE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: DESIRED INFORMATION  
NOT AVAILABLE TO U.S. MISSION IN ETHIOPIA, Owing TO FACT  
MAAG AND OTHER MISSION PERSONNEL ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS  
PURPOSELY SEPARATED FROM ACTIVE MILITARY OPERATIONS,  
INVOLVEMENT IN WHICH CONSIDERED AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS. IF

COMMITTEE DESIRES DETAILED OPERATIONAL INFORMATION  
ON IEG COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATIONS, EMBASSY WILL BE  
INSTRUCTED REQUEST FACTS FROM IEG WITH EXPLANATION OF  
PURPOSE. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO GIVE IEG ADVANCE  
INFORMATION ON MATERIALS HAVE AND INTEND OFFER COMMITTEE  
THUS AFFORDING OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO CORRECT FACTS  
AND RAISE ANY OBJECTION THEY MAY WISH.

7. PINCUS INDICATED SCHEDULED RETURN WASHINGTON SUNDAY,  
MAR 29.

HALL

SECRET